Some of the Tricks by Which They Obtain Accommodations Without Paying and Also Borrow Money-Empty Trunks and Bogus Packages.

Despite every precaution taken by shrewd hotel clerks a large number of persons are constantly engaged in securing board and lodging by fraud.

It is usually supposed that when a guest arrives at a hotel without baggage he cannot secure accommodations unless he pays in advance, but t'  $\tau$ 

well known hotel was defrauded in a well known hotel was defrauded in a very skillful manner of a week's board and some of the cash in the till. The "deadbeat" walked into the hotel lobby and in a confident manner placed his by and in a confident manner ma by and in a contact man between the contact mans on the register as hailing from the carried a small grip. He informed the a rattlemake bet him it isn't so. You'll a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake bet him it isn't so. You'll a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake bet him it isn't so. You'll a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells you about some one else being bitten by a rattlemake between any one tells. his first trip to the coast.

Traveling men are good customers, so the new arrival was assigned to a good room. He handed two baggage checks to the clerk and requested that his trunks be sent for from the depot. In the control of the control of the control of the control of the clerk and requested that his trunks be sent for from the depot. In the control of the c an hour or two he inquired why his want to forget. It is a common and an hour or two he inquired why his baggage had not been sent up to his room. The porter was sent for and explained that the transfer company had plained that the transfer company had coiled. I believed that once and found not been able to find it. Inquiries were out by a startling personal experience made by telephone, but the railroad that it wasn't so. It is true that when

collars, ties, etc., and went out of the hotel vowing vengeance against the rail-road company. He even had the hotel move his rattles. I had no sooner up, and pending the information the new guest had a royal good time at the hotel. In a few days he disappeared, and it then dawned upon the hotel men between the guest back to the ground. They had not missed my cheek by more than a hair's breadth. With precaution I have made that they had been neatly swindled by that test of a rattlesnake's capacity of the means of two baggage checks which striking in that way many times since in Chicago or elsewhere.

One man will go to a first class house strike back fiercely with its bleeding and secure a good room. About the second day he will be in the office, and while there the hotel clerk will receive tlesnake when intent on deadly assault a telephone message purporting to come is the coil. This is not always a sym-From a well known store asking if Mr. So-and-so desires the goods he ordered sent up to the hotel. The clerk will natcles are contracted, and the reptile is he will reply that he desires the goods | this position the rattler can spring from sent up. When the package arrives, there one-half to two-thirds of his length. is always \$10 to \$25 to be paid. The Before the stroke the mouth is opened "settle the amount and charge it up in my bill." It does not pay to offend firmly in their position. The head is

the scheme works all right, for a hotel clerk is always afraid of offending a squirting its venom in jets, which it guest in these matters, for should be can do to a distance of four feet or more. mistrust an honest man he will injure the hotel's reputation. While most ho- fangs in the fiesh of the object it strikes, tels make it a rule not to cash drafts or | but that does only temporary damage checks or loan money, still very often to its deadly armory. There are plenty the "deadbeat" will make them break it. of incipient fangs lying in the jaw, only

"deadbeat" to send by express a package to a hotel in another city. It would be heavily sealed and marked, "Value \$200," and the hotel man, thinking that it contained jewelry intended for to remember, for it is the popular bea guest soon to arrive, would put it in the safe. In a few days the "deadbeat" extracting its venom fangs. The only would turn up at the hotel, register and way to render one of these reptiles inquire if a package had arrived for harmless, besides killing it, is to apply him. He would be told that it was in redhot iron to the cavities left by the the safe, and he would tell them it con- fangs. This will destroy all the vitality tained watches and valuables. The same of these dangerous parts, and new fangs night a loan of \$20 would be asked for, | will not come in. and the hotel man, remembering the be of no value.

persons to obtain free living for longer

to pay or vacate. fully coiled up and tied with string .-San Francisco Chronicle.

An Old Fire Horse's Good Memory. Eleven years ago a horse was purchased for the fire engine Portland No. 2, on Munjoy Hill. The horse was called Old Tom, and it helped draw the engine for six years and was then disposed of. It has been drawing an ash cart of late years, and the other day went by the engine house. Engineer Loring, who knew the horse well, since they came to that engine in the same year and were there together for six years, five years. At the first sound of the gong he started for his old place under 3-16 cents, will fotch \$35.9334." Since

perforated with small holes so the oil will run out slowly and continue its work for a greater length of time than would other than be the case.

afflicted with a devil, and will have nothing to do with him. He cannot tell one figure from another on paper."

Flannaghan will be in Atlanta during the exposition.—Atlanta Constitution.

### THE RATTLESNAKE.

COMMON ERRORS REGARDING ITS FIGHTING ABILITIES.

Doesn't Have to Coil Before Striking and Kills by a Blow-Quickly Replaces Lost Fangs-He Will Not Go Out of His Way

"Nobody was ever bitten by a rattle-

gnake, and nobody ever will be," said a man who has studied them. "And the reason is the best that could possibly be. A rattlesnake can't bite. It isn't likely that any creature that lives and is provided with teeth and jaws has less power of biting. The snake's jaws are not hinged. They are attached to each other by an elastic cartilage. Thus the snake tricky "deadbeat" not only will live in the hotel free for a week, but in many cases will secure a loan from the unsuspecting gentleman behind the desk.

The "deadbeat" constantly evolves of a rattlesnake are driven into the new tricks to "do up" the hotel man, flesh by a stroke, not a bite, as is well and it was not many days ago that a shown by the fact that punctures are clerk that he was a traveling man on win. It is an impossibility for a rattlesnake to bite.
"But although the rattlesnake can't

people could give no information of the a rattlesnake is stretched at full length, with the muscles extended to the utmost, "Well, I am in a nice fix," said the he could not strike an inch forward, new guest to the hotel clerk, "for all but from that position he can strike my clothes are in my trunks, and I supmy clothes are in my truins, and I suppose the things have gone astray."

The clerk was very sympathetic, for
a traveling man without his clothes is
indeed to be pitied. The fellow managed to berrow \$20 to buy some shirts,
collers time set and went out of the clerk pay for a telegram to Chicago in- touched his tail than his mutilated head checks had been sent to. The reply came below the shoulder, where both fangs back that they would look the matter were buried, pulling out of the jaw and evidently had been stolen at some time | then, and the snake always struck. The instinct is so strong in this reptile that Another favorite trick to defraud a I have known a rattler two hours after hotel is done by means of a confederate. its head was severed from its body to

urally ask the guest the question, and literally an animate set spring. From hotel man is requested by the guest to | wide, the fangs falling down from their a guest whose appearance indicates thrust forward, the half coils below it wealth, so the money is handed out in being straightened out to lengthen the payment. The guest now disappears, and his trunk is found to be a cheap one and generally full of paper, while stab is made with abrupt swiftness that the package which has been paid for by the hotel people is also worthless. defies escape of the victim. There is but one strike. The snake passes back into frequently used by "deadbeats" in order to secure a little ready cash until "my money arrives," and very often the scheme works all right, for a hotel scheme works are scheme works as a scheme works are scheme works as a scheme work as a "Sometimes a rattlesnake loses its A scheme which has recently been werked all over the country was for the

"The rattlesnake never pursues his valuable package in the safe, would in prey; he waits. He will not go out of nine cases out of ten hand out the coin. his way to attack anything. He will in-The guest would disappear, and when variably keep on his course if not corthe package was opened it was found to be of no value.

nered or teased. You may step within four inches of a rattlesnake and will As all accounts in hotels are rendered | not be disturbed by it if you keep right weekly it is impossible for dishonest on your way. If you stop, the snake at once will take it for a challenge and than a week, for they will be requested hit you only too quick. It is said, as if by authority, that the rattlesnake never A man and his wife, by placing a supposed jewel case in a hotel safe, managed, some time ago, to secure over six must have been freaks, for they have sounds his rattle until be has coiled. If weeks' living in a well known hotel in | rattled when lying at full length and this city. The landlord, who had seen even when moving, as well as in their this city. The matter, when traveling, will the woman wearing a quantity of jew- coils. The rattler, when traveling, will els, naturally supposed they were in the cross lakes and streams, and he swims jewel case in his safe. When the guests | with his head and his rattles raised disappeared and the package was opened, well above the water. The force with it was found to be a trunk strap, care- which a rattlesnake can strike is such that I once teased one into striking at a inch thick, and he sent his fangs clear through it."—New York Sun.

Heavy Freight. Landlord (apologetically)-This elevator seems to run a little slow just

now. Guest-Oh, that's all right. There's a clerk on board with one of the guest's bills.—Chicago Record.

A Negro Lightning Calculator. Octavus Flannaghan is a dull eyed, ignorant negro of 35 years of age who fell into conversation with the driver has wonderful aptness for figures. Three and told him that he hadn't a doubt that years ago Flannaghan could not calcuand told him that he had a could that if the old horse was put in his old stall and the gong was sounded he would rush for his place in front of the engine just as he used to do. The driver doubting a goal two points of cotton would bring if cotton was 5 cents a pound. Three years ago, however, while Flannaghan was steadily chopping cotton, a ed this and they agreed to try it. The sudden thought came to him. He turn-old horse, now 15 years old, was put in ed to the negro nearest to him and yellhis old stall, where he hadn't been for ed out, "A bale er cotton dat weight

the harness in front of the engine. He then Flannaghan has proved a prodigy. tried to go quickly, but made but a sorry exhibition of nimbleness compared with his former habit.—Portland Press.

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